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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU; GOI POSITION

REF: (A) STATE 208369; (B) USUN 3555 (NOTAL); (C) USUN 4104

1. USUN EXPECTS ISSUE OF UN MEMBERSHIP FOR PORTUGUESE GUINEA (GUINEA-BISSAU) TO ARISE IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND DURING CURRENT UNGA. BASIC GUIDANCE ON THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN TERRITORY CONTAINED REF (A).

2. GOI MAY HAVE SWING VOTE IN SECURITY COUNCIL IF BLOCKING SEVEN VOTES TO BE PRESERVED AGAINST SC RECOMMENDATION IN FAVOR GUINEA-BISSAU UN MEMBERSHIP (REF C). WHILE VETO IS AVAILABLE TO PREVENT SC FROM TAKING THIS UNDESIRABLE STEP, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE WOULD RATHER DEFEAT PROPOSAL BY REGULAR VOTE.

3. ALTHOUGH USUN REPORTS GOI IS PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU, DEPT BELIEVES INDONESIANS COULD BE RECEPTIVE TO CAUTIONARY APPROACH. FYI: INDONESIA HAS HAD OWN PROBLEMS WITH SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS; OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED GUINEA-BISSAU; GOI HAS TAKEN STAND AGAINST GRUNK WHICH NOT EXACT POLITICAL PARALLEL BUT HAS SIMILAR LEGAL ELEMENTS; AND GOI HAS MAINTAINED POSTURE OF QUIET SUFFERANCE OF CONTINUED PORTUGUESE PRESENCE IN TIMOR.

ON OTHER HAND, INDONESIA MAY BE RELUCTANT TO TARNISH ITS CREDENTIALS WITH THE NON-ALIGNED PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT NEEDS SUPPORT FROM SOME OF THEM ON THE KHMER ISSUE, AND PRESUMABLY INCLINATION WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE TO VOTE AGAINST PORTUGAL ON A "COLONIAL" ISSUE. END FYI.

4. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL, AND WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM OUR EFFORTS ON OTHER ISSUES, IF WE REQUEST GOI CAREFULLY TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF VOTE ON INSCRIPTION OF GUINEA-BISSAU ITEM AT THIS TIME AND REQUEST GOI AT LEAST ABSTAIN IN SC IF MEMBERSHIP ISSUE COMES UP. IN ADDITION TO ARGUMENTATION CONCERNING US POSITION ON RECOGNITION IN PARAS 7 AND 8 REF (A), EMBASSY MIGHT POINT OUT PRECEDENT OF PREMATURE RECOGNITION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENT COULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR ANY GOVERNMENT FACED WITH DISSIDENT GROUPS; PREMATURE RECOGNITION COULD HAVE EFFECT OF SANCTIONING FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AGAINST WHICH FONMIN MALIK PARTICULARLY CAUTIONED GA IN STATEMENT OCTOBER 2; AND DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON UN AS INSTITUTION IF IT TRIES TO ADJUDICATE MATTER OF THIS KIND WHEN GOVT IS NOT ACTUALLY IN CONTROL OF TERRITORY CONCERNED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE INFO USUN. KISSINGER

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